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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: FIRST JOINT COMMITTEE
MEETING

1. SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN ALEKSENKO NOVEMBER 20 OFFICIALLY PROPOSED THAT FIRST JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING BE HELD IN MOSCOW DECEMBER 10-17. IF THIS PERIOD IS ACCEPTABLE TO US SIDE, ALEKSENKO WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP SPECIFIC WISHES OF USDEL AS TO PROGRAM, AND POSSIBLE SITE VISITS. FURTHER, HE WOULD LIKE DETAILED PROPOSALS WITHIN EACH OF COOPERATIVE AREAS DEFINED BY THE AGREEMENT, SIMILAR TO PROPOSALS TRANSMITTED RECENTLY BY RAMUNDO IN AREA OF TUNNELING. SOVIETS HOPE TO BE ABLE TO TRANSMIT THEIR OWN DETAILED PROPOSALS SHORTLY.

2. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON SOVIET SIDE IS OLEG N. MOROZOV, EXPERT IN THE FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. MOROZOV PRIVATELY EXPRESSED OPINION THAT THIS MAY BE TOO SHORT NOTICE TO GEAR UP IN TIME FOR DECEMBER 10 MEETING AND THOUGH JANUARY MIGHT BE MORE REALISTIC TARGET. HE STRESSED STRONG DESIRE OF SOVIET SIDE TO MEET DECEMBER 10, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF NEED TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.
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